



# EMODnet



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# News Digest

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## Mark your calendar! New dates for the EMODnet Open Conference and Jamboree: 14-18 June 2021



Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, the [second EMODnet Open Conference and Jamboree](#) which was initially scheduled to take place in September 2020 has been postponed to the **week of 14-18 June 2021**. Save the date for this event, which will bring together the extended EMODnet family in Ostend (Belgium) to set goals for the next phase of EMODnet to 2030. More information will follow.

**WEBINAR on 22 September 2020 14:00-17:00 CEST**

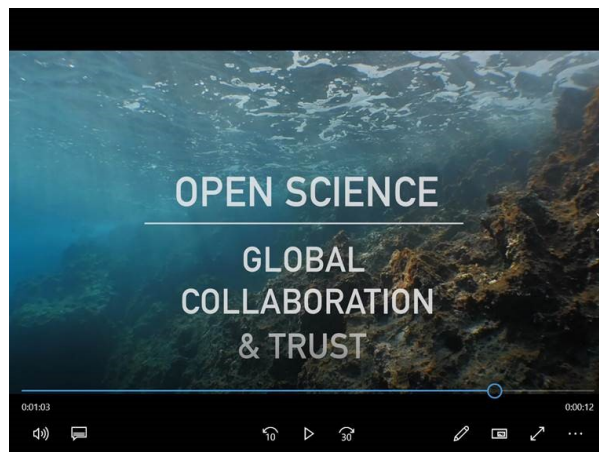
***EMODnet: Showcasing a decade of achievements connecting marine data to knowledge***



Celebrate 10 years of EMODnet by joining us at a **virtual gathering on 22 September 2020 14:00-17:00 CEST**. This webinar will be an opportunity to take stock of key EMODnet achievements over the past decade with showcases and testimonials from data providers, users and partners – as a celebration moment. This online event will also set the stage for a forward look at the [Open Conference in June 2021](#) to co-design the next phase of EMODnet. **Save the date and pre-register by email to [events@emodnet.eu](mailto:events@emodnet.eu)!**

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### Open Data for Open Science [VIDEO]



The EMODnet Secretariat is delighted to release **EMODnet for science**, the first video in a series of eight illustrating the fundamental role of EMODnet in society.

As our population grows and we move towards a climate-neutral Europe, we will depend more and more on our marine resources to find sustainable solutions for some of the biggest challenges we face. Scientific research provides us with the knowledge we need to understand the ocean. The collection and analysis of marine data is at the basis of this scientific endeavour. But where can scientists find the data they need to create knowledge...? And where can researchers contribute open access data for

long-term integration, interoperability and impact?

This video urges scientists in Europe and beyond to discover how EMODnet's Open Data supports marine scientific research and promotes global collaboration and trust, the bedrock of Open Science!

[Watch the EMODnet for science film](#)

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## Next phase of EMODnet call for tender is out



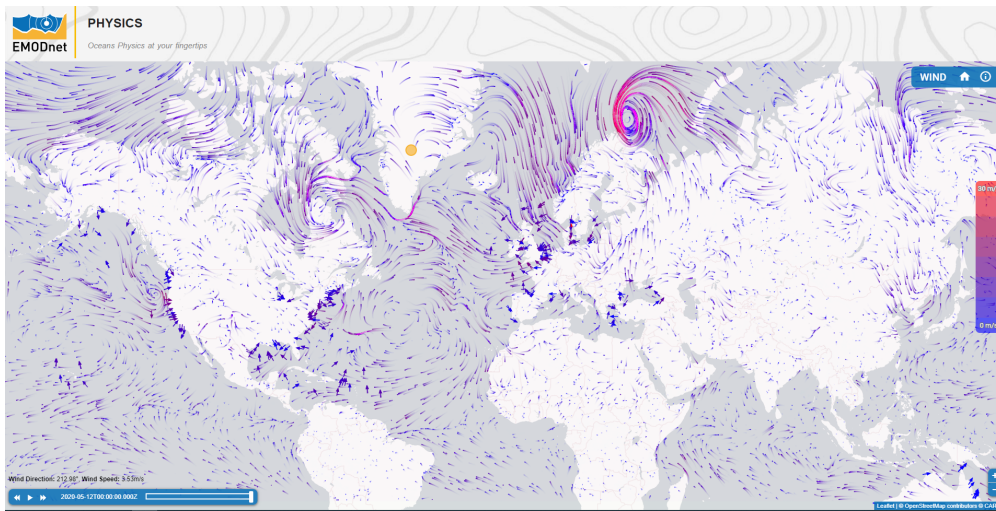
The Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME) has launched an **invitation to tender** with a view to concluding seven service contracts for further development and maintenance of EMODnet. The general objective of the tender is to further develop an operational service whereby marine data and data products built with common standards can be found, viewed and downloaded in a way that is free of charge and free of restrictions of use.

The basic structure of EMODnet will be maintained with seven thematic groups, an ingestion facility and a secretariat, but further steps towards providing a seamless fit-for-purpose service. The seven thematic assembly groups will continue to cover bathymetry, geology, seabed habitats, physics, chemistry, biology and human activities. In line with the [announcement of the next EMODnet phase objectives by DGMARE](#) earlier this year within the course of future activities the existing thematic portals will be phased out and access to data and products will be centralized through the EMODnet Central Portal.

[Access the call for tender](#)

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## Surface ocean wind at your fingertips!



EMODnet Physics releases a **new integrated product for Blue Economy and marine operators**. It integrates global winds at sea level/ground and in situ data. The product provides the user data for latest 60 days from Global Forecasting System (nowcast) and *in situ* platforms.

Discover this new EMODnet Physics product on surface ocean wind

## The EU4Ocean Coalition on Ocean Literacy is ready to set sail - Join us for the Virtual Ocean Literacy Summit on 8 June 2020



EMODnet is happy to be working with the EU4Ocean Coalition to offer EMODnet's open marine data and maps through the [European Atlas of the Seas](#), the interactive and educational mapping application on seas and coastal regions of DG MARE.

[EU4Ocean](#) is a European Commission (DG MARE) initiative that will offer a **focal point for Ocean Literacy in Europe**. It will connect and drive collaboration and innovation across the current disparate Ocean Literacy initiatives, mobilizing diverse stakeholders to develop concrete activities that create real awareness, engagement and momentum across society for action and change. **As a powerful teaching tool soon available in 24**

languages, the **European Atlas of the Seas** will be a key resource in **EU4Ocean**.

The official launch of the EU4Ocean Coalition will take place during the first [Virtual Ocean Literacy Summit](#), organised on World Oceans Day, on the Monday 8 June 2020 from 11:00-14:00 CEST. Virginijus Sinkevičius, Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, will give a keynote intervention to announce the EU4Ocean Coalition, as part of the event.

[Information and registration](#)

## The EMODnet Secretariat welcomes new Data and Communication Officer



It is with great pleasure that we welcome on the 1 June 2020 Dr Francis Strobbe who will join the EMODnet Secretariat team as new Data and Communication Officer. Francis is not new to EMODnet though! For more than 10 years, he has been working at the Belgian Marine Data Centre of the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (RBINS) where he was among others involved in supporting the [EMODnet Data Ingestion](#) and [ENVRI-FAIR Projects](#). Francis received his PhD in ecology and evolutionary biology at KU Leuven and was a postdoctoral research fellow at the Centre for Statistics in Ecology (SEEC), the Environment and Conservation at the University of Cape Town (UCT) and the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI).

[Read his full bio](#)

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